GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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REVIEW OF THE PERFORMANCE OF CO OPERATIVE INSTITUTION
ANANTRAO GUDHE

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to review the performance of co-operative institutions, as effective instrument for socio-economic change through direct involvement of community during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(b) if so, the details of the objective assessment of co-operative movement particularly in the field of production economic activities, State-wise particularly in Maharashtra;

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be strengthen and promote co-operative institutions, network in the country;

(d) whether the Government are contemplating a proposal to have a separate Ministryfor co-operation to be strengthen co-operative movement for faster economic growth through democratic process; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

(a) & (b) There is no such formal proposal. However, the performance of the cooperative institutions is reviewed occasionally with the State Governments in meetings and conferences as Cooperation is a State subject.

(c) It is proposed to frame a National Policy on Cooperatives to facilitate all rounddevelopment of the Cooperatives and their economic viability. Under this Policy, Cooperatives would be provided necessary autonomy to make them self-reliant and democratically managed institutions accountable to their members. This Department isconsidering actively to replace the existing Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act,1984 bya new Legislation based on the recommendations made by the Braham Perkash Committee in order to provide greater functional autonomy to cooperatives and to reduce unnecessary bureaucratic interference and to professionalise the management of the institutions.

(d) At present, there is no such proposal under the consideration of the Government of India.

(e) Does not arise.